

To offer the current Novice and Advance amateurs the ability to upgrade without testing will further undermine goal-setting spirit of the hobby. Citing the difficulty of the previous exam is a flawed justification because if the amateurs in question possess the skills deemed by the PRM and really want to upgrade, they would be willing to take the current, "less difficult" exams. We need to cease giving away licenses to hams unwilling to put any effort into our hobby otherwise it will become just another citizens band or family radio service. Hams take a lot of pride in their accomplishments and have always enjoyed the goal-setting aspect of the hobby.

Thank you,

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